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to make the most of his gifts and, at the same time, to encourage him if possible to develop those in which he is weak. A one-sided man may be exceedingly useful, and all men are more or less out of symmetry, though some are much more so than others. But it is certain-ly a thing to be desired that the minisby a thing to be desired that the minister shall be a well-rounded man, so as to be able to discharge the duties of his most important office, both in the pulpit and out of it. If the minister is conspicuously lacking in either pastoral or preaching talent, it can hardly be of advantage to his church that his pastotate should cover a great number of years. The pastor who fails as a preacher, fails in what is essential to the highest success as a minister, and, on the other hand, he who cannot bring important influences to bear on his people in his intercourse with them oftiside the pulpit, leaves half his work undone. While, therefore, it is unwise and unjust for a church to withhold

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A week or two ago Mr. Spurgeon was reported to be able to revise a sermon for the press, and his friends were hopeful that he would be restored to at least comparative health. Later accounts, however, were less favorable. Accounts during the week represented him as being in a critical condition, and growing worse. A despatch published here shortly before our going to press announces that Mr. Spurgeon's death took place at Mentone, France, on Sunday evening-at eleven o'clock. The announcement will be received with aimost world-wide sorrow and regret. Spurgeon is to be counted in the first rank of the great men of his day. Perhaps it is not too much to say that no man had rendered greater service to mankind during the time covered by the active period of Mr. Sourceon's life and

may further be permitted to suggest that it will be well, if in our Baptist churches and Baptist faquilies, the history of the past hundred years shall be studied with special reference to missions. The winter evenings can be profitably spent in reading what God has done in the century about to close. It has been a period wonderful in many respects. The changes and advances made in the use of machinery, in social, commercial and political life, the various intellectual movements, have not been more noteworthy than the religious progress in faith and beneficence. We trust that before this movement, ceases every church in Convention will have been addressed upon the subject

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THE MISSIONARY CENTENARY.

"The centenary celebration of the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society at Kettering, England, October 2, 1762, is something that ought to appeal to every Baptist's heart. It was an epoch-making event in our history when those few men came together in the study of Andrew Fuller and contributed out of their poverty the sum of 133 2s. 6, to begin the great enterprise of converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since thatday? Surely, there is no Baptist who will give grudgingly, or, still worse, decline to great significance in the history of Christianity and of so great interests to Baptist sthemselves. For our marked increase in numbers, in wealth, and in sand may terror the converted the constitution of the provided to Christ. What hath God wrought since thatday? Surely, there is no Baptist who will give grudgingly, or, still worse, decline to great all, to commemonate an event of so great significance in the history of Christianity and of so great interests to Baptists the many terror of the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day in the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day in the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day in the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day to the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day to the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day to the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day to the converting the world to Christ. What hath God wrought since that day to the converting the world to Christ. What hath God w

maturally arising from the celebration. The fruit of such work in deepening the interest in missions ought to be large, while the giving called for will have the same result.

Questions.

1. What would you think of the leading member of a church that would not pay a debt because he had not settled the account within six years? Would said member be justified in not paying the account?

2. What would you think of a brother, who for nearly three years has not church and congregation, writing of the church as being "in full fellowship"? Also, could a brother be "in full fellowship"? Also, could a brother be "in full fellowship"? Also, could a brother be "in full fellowship"?

J. F. I. We think that "an honest man's debt is never out-lawed," and the fact that the man is free from his debt, as a legal obligation, does not alter the fact that as an honest man and a Christian he is bound to pay.

2. We believe that the term "in full fellowship" is often used in a technical sense as equivalent to" in regular standing," and thus tised signifies simply that the person is under no sentence of exclusion or suspecusion from the church, and that no charge of improper conduct has been brought against him. Of course the word fellowship has a deeper and more important meaning, and a member may, in a technical sense as equivalent to" in regular standing," and thus tised signifies simply that the person is under no sentence of exclusion or suspecusion from the church, and that no charge of improper conduct has been brought against him. Of course the word fellowship has a deeper and more important meaning, and a member may, in a technical sense, as expertent, and that no charge of improper conduct has been brought spatis the him of the provinces.

Not in the Year Book.

Why is it that in the Year Book for 1891 no space is found for the current of these recruits—the licentiates of the various associations of these Maritime Provinces?

Do they not compare favorably with the church, and that no charge of our denomination? Are not many

"The Missionary Centennial."

Permit me to place before your readers further plans of the "Missionary Centennial Committee of Foreign Mission Board," and this time in re of "Centenary Day," October 2.

The committee recommends that on Centenary Day, Sunday, October 2, (a) That all pastors, preach a missionary sermon; (b). That a second service, called the "Carey Service," be held, and would suggest the following as an outline of order of service, to be filled in with suitable music as may be arranged

Sketch of Carey's life and work.
Carey's conditions.
Carey's converts.
Carey's successors.
Carey's day and ours.
Extracts from the "History of a ston."

Mission." The committee also recommend that on Centenary Day all only Sunday schools be requested to hage a suitable missionary memorial exercise instead of the regular lesson for that day. A sub-committee has been appointed to prepare an exercise that may be adopted by the adopted by the adopted

pare an exercise that may be adopted by the schools. It is expected that at all three erriviers collections will be taken for the memorial found. The committee has also appointed a sub-committee to prepare, for distribution among the charches a trief historical sketch of Baptist foreign missions of the Maritime Provinces. It is hoped that in a short time they will have this printed and sent in large numbers to the churches. It will now be in order for the different associations and churches to take hold of the centennial work with vigor. By vote of Convention the associations are "requested to take the matter in hand." The setting apart of one day in their annual session and the programme suggested by Foreign Mission Board are but small portions of their work.

Then in regard to the churches, let them not wait until Centennial Day. If the work of Convention is to be carried out churches will hold "special meetings"; collectors will be appointed to "solicit subscriptions to the memorial fund."

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It may be well for pastors living near each other to hold mutual conferences and seek to aid each other in their endeavors to make this a year memorable indeed. The Foreign Mission Board in general—the "Centennial Committee" it appointed, in particular — will be pleased to aid associations and churches to the utmost of their ability in the special work of this memorial year.

G. O. GATES,
Secy. Miss. Cen. Com.
St. John, Jan. 30.

Day of Prayer at Wolfville.

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The day was a stormy one, and the attendance at the services was thereby greatly reduced. But carnest prayers were offered and appropriate addresses made. President Sawyer spoke of the recent growth of the educational institutions and interests connected with the Baptist denomination on this confifrent. The opportunities of the body for useful service were thereby greatly enlarged and the obligations equally increased. These circumstances demand intelligence and consecution on the part of the constituency. While we pray for our own schools we are to remember those of other localities. While we have our burdens and anxieties the irethren at St. Martins have need of the help we are seeking, and should be commended to the Giver of all good things. Our churches pray for these schools, and the governors always open and close their sessions with prayer on behalf of the interests entrusted to them. These interests are far larger than most of our people are aware of. Prayer has been answered now.

Rev. Dr. Higgins and a number of the professors also took part in the exercises.

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There are some indications of special interest in religious matters among the students, and greater blessings are hoped

Jubilee Reception.

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To the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, of Truro, belongs the distinction of having completed fifty years in the Christian ministry. A jubilee reception was held on Tuesday evening last, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall of Truro, where the congregation of the Immanuel Baptist church is accustomed to worship. The hall was nicely deporated and a pleasant programme was well carried out. With the pastor of the church, Mr. Dimock occupied a low platform on the right of the hall, and the friends and well-wishers of the reverend gentleman, as they passed up the hall, offered their congratulations. Bountiful refreshments and good music added to the interest of the occasion. Among those present were Rev. John Robbins, of the First Presbyterian church; Rev. Wm. Ainley, of the Methodist church; Rev. J. E. Goucher, of the Princy St. Baptist church; Rev. A. L. Geggie, of St. Paul's; and Rev. Mr. Colclough, of the Congregational church. Letters expressing regret at not being able to be present were read from the venerable Dr. McCulloch and others. There were speeches from the elergymen named and other gentlemen of the town, who all joined in hearty congratulations to Mr. Dimock's remarks in reply to the congratulations of his friends, in clesing, were exceedingly interesting, his reference to his contemporary ministers, nine of whom had passed away, being entertaining and instructive—reminiscences that were, no doubt, most acceptable to the older portion of the audience, and not by any means uninteresting to the younger persons present.

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The day of prayer for colleges was observed in the evening at Halifax. Among the good things saidat the First church was a statement by Mr. Woodworth, a recent graduate. He said that the soutiments of the students were strong in loyalty of their own country and the lible. It was not to the credit of a student to meer at prayer meetings or to pose as an infidel at Acadia College.

The missionary meeting for all the chorrobos of Halifax was held at the Sain ut. B. H. Eston was chairman. His brief addises showed that the three great enterprises of the denomination-clueation, hope and foreign missions-are in resitive but one, and interdependent.

content of the second of the second of the subject. Why we should celebrate the subject, "Why we should celebrate the subject, "Why we should celebrate the subject, "Why we should celebrate the missionary movements before Carey's a day, and the beginning of modern missions led by this great man. By the state churches of Europe attempts had been made in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries to give the Gospel to Brazil, Lapland, the Indians of America, and the Pagans of the East Indies. In Ceylon, in 1700, A. D. 300,000 converts were reported. In 1727, 425,000, In Java, 100,000 were baptized. He traced the rule of Roman Catholic dism in America and the East, which was succeeded in the latter place by the power of Holland. Then casue they succeeded in the latter place by the power of Holland. Then casue the struggle for the mastery, and England was victorious. In this time the mission spirit was nearly extinct. No new recruits had been sent for sixty years before Carey's day. From that day the latter mission stothe heathen from the thands of commercial corporations and put them into the hands of the Christian church, where they were placed by Christ and His apostles. The missions commenced by Franke and Spener and Schwarts did indeed bring forth fruit.

In 1800, eight years after the Baptist mission was started, 50,000 converts were reported. But missions were not in a normal relation to the churches till the Lord called Carey. The converts, it is to be feared, were in most cases only nomial Christians. The call of Carey and the success of missions were referred to

Lord called Carey. The converts, it is to be feared, were in most cases only nomial Christians. The call of Carey and the success of missions were referred to in brief. God had honored Baptists beyond the Atlantic as leaders in modern missions. In the United States Judson was the pioneer apostle; in Canada Burpee led the way.

I. C. Agohibald followed in an address showing in a graphic manner the great needs of our field. Then came Mrs. Archibald with an address on what see should do. That address, if given word for word on paper, would seem cold if compared with its perfervid glow and power as it came from the heart of this devoted woman. Would that every Baptist in these provinces could have heard it.

At this stage, Mrs. Manning, in a thrilling address, as representing the W. M. A. S., moved a resolution commending the decision to raise \$1,000 in Halifax County. Miss Johnston, in a few carnest words supported the resolution. At the beginning the Scriptures were read and prayer offered by J. W. Maning, The singing was soul-stirring.

A vote was taken to hold another meeting in the Tabernacle, under the direction of the W. M. A. Societies.

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The meeting at the North church was large and the interest intense.

REPORTER.

A Good Word for Medicine Hat.

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A modest request recently came from Medicine Hat, Assiniboine, to the churches in the Maritime Provinces. Ruey asked for one dollar from each church to assist them in building a little place of worship. Medicine Hat is a very pretty little town of about 1,000 people, situated on the south 1,000 people, situated on the south 1,000 people, situated on the south 1,001 people, situated there have the town and the repair shops are located there. A division of the mounted police have quarters there also. The Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Methodists and Presbyterians have neat and well built churches in the town already. In the vicinity are valuable coal mines, and natural gas has been found, apparently in abundance, in the town and in the surrounding country. The Saskatchewan is navigable for steamboats for miles above this place, and for 800 miles below to Lake Winnipeg. To all appearances Medicine Hat Will grow to large dimensions. It has a splendid agricultural country cast, west, north and south, for which this will be the central distributing point.

Before ten years this little Baptist body now asking help will be the mother of churches. All the Maritime churches should heed the request and send the dollar, and when they can they should make it five dollars. It will be a wise appropriation.

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Wolfville, Jan. 22.

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In my letter to the Young People's Union of Jan. 16, in giving an account of our Maritime Young People's work, I am made to asy: "There was a meeting of the members of our Convention who favered some immediate action. During the last annual seasion of our Convention at Moneton, in August, the following resolution was passed." What I did write was this: "There was a meeting of the members of our Convention who favored some immediate action, during the last annual resiston of our Convention at Moneton, in August, and the following resolution was passed."

I mention this because some may wonder at the paragraph as it appears. As we all know, there was no effort mado to obtain any expression of opinion from the Convention. There was simply a sort of spontaneous coming together on the part of some who favored immediate action, in order to do some very necessary planning.

C. W. WILLIAMS.—

St. John Baptist Min-

Regina, N. W. T

Sabbath, January 3, was awith us as a church, the occ
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From the Medicine Hat (

We have sent out a circular churches in the Maritime asking for a donation of \$1 to aid us in erecting a chaptown. The ones we sent out responded nobly; considering calls for other purposes. sent last, as we had a difficult ing a Year Book. You will accompanying list that a nur responded, but we would be encouraged and aided to many more, as we are few and process. We feel that now is the ti We feel that now is the tim foothold, while population is so fast. Our nearest Baptist Calgary, 190 miles west, an which is 390 miles east of w Harry King, formerly of pastor. So you see we are n for room to work in the viney Master. Pray for us, that ou not.

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Bro. Wm. M. Field make mention of the generous leriends at Lake Brook, why shown their appreciation of the resideraham, Esq., and present with an address and a pure della section of the section